TRAVELING WITH CHILDREN

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Even if your child acquired U.S. citizenship at birth and has been issued a U.S. passport, if he or she was born in Argentina, under Argentine law the child will be an Argentine citizen. All births in Argentina must be recorded with the Argentine civil registry officials, and under Argentine law, all Argentines must travel with an Argentine passport.

Under Argentine law, a person under age 18 is a minor. In cases in which one parent wishes to travel with a minor alone, or if the minor wishes to travel alone, the accompanying parent or solo traveler minor must obtain a legalized authorization from the non-traveling parent or from both parents consenting the child's departure from Argentina. American citizen parents of Argentine citizen children may wish to prepare this authorization should emergency travel be necessary. An Argentine notary public (escribano) can prepare this permission and certify the parent(s)' signature(s).

For more information, please contact Argentina's immigration authority, the Direccion Nacional de Migraciones, by phone at 4317-0200 or 4317-0237 / 4317-0238 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Migraciones can also be contacted at info@migraciones.gov.ar or visit their website, http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesible/.